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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to health insurance coverage for eating disorders.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new
2 sections, to be known as sections 376.845 and 1, to read as follows:

**376.845. 1. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers
2 or issues health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery,
3 continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2010, shall
4 provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders.**

**5 2. A health carrier or health benefit plan offering group health
6 insurance coverage shall not:**

**7 (1) Deny eligibility or continued eligibility to an individual to
8 enroll or renew coverage under the terms of the plan solely for the
9 purpose of avoiding the requirements of this section;**

**10 (2) Deny coverage for treatment of eating disorders, including
11 coverage for residential treatment of eating disorders, if such
12 treatment is medically necessary in accordance with the Practice
13 Guidelines for the Treatment of Patients with Eating Disorders, as most
14 recently published by the American Psychiatric Association;**

**15 (3) Provide monetary payments, rebates, or other benefits to
16 individuals to encourage such individuals to accept less than the
17 minimum protections available under this section;**

**18 (4) Penalize or otherwise reduce or limit the reimbursement of
19 a provider because such provider provided care to an individual
20 participant or beneficiary in accordance with this section;**

21 (5) Provide monetary or other incentives to a provider to induce

22 such provider to provide care to an individual participant or
23 beneficiary in a manner inconsistent with this section; or

24 (6) Deny continued eligibility to enroll or renew coverage under
25 the terms of the plan to an individual participant or beneficiary solely
26 because the individual was previously found to have an eating disorder
27 or received treatment for an eating disorder.

28 3. The coverage required under this section shall provide access
29 to psychiatric and medical treatment under the plan and shall provide
30 coverage for integrated care and treatments as prescribed by medical
31 and psychiatric health care professionals, including but not limited to
32 nutrition counseling, physical therapy, dietician services, medical
33 monitoring, and psychiatric monitoring.

34 4. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall
35 mean:

36 (1) "Eating disorders", anorexia nervosa, bulimia, binge eating,
37 eating disorders nonspecified, and any other severe eating disorders
38 contained in the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical
39 Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric
40 Association;

41 (2) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as such term is
42 defined in section 376.1350;

43 (3) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in
44 section 376.1350.

45 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a
46 health carrier or health benefit plan to provide coverage of mental
47 illness. No health carrier or health benefit plan shall require that such
48 health benefits be provided in accordance with the requirements for
49 coverage of mental illness under the health benefit plan.

50 6. The health care service required by this section shall not be
51 subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than other health care
52 services provided by the health benefit plan.

53 7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a
54 supplemental insurance policy, including a life care contract,
55 accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing
56 a fixed daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care
57 policy, short-term major medical policies of six months' or less
58 duration, or any other supplemental policy.

Section 1. The department of health and senior services, in
2 collaboration with the department of social services, shall provide
3 diagnosis and treatment services for any resident of this state who does
4 not have insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of eating
5 disorders or is in need of financial assistance to pay for the diagnosis
6 and treatment of an eating disorder. Such eating disorder care shall
7 be provided at eating disorder specialty units, private facilities, and
8 state-operated facilities that have licensed eating disorder specialists
9 on staff.

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